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SABOTAGE SUSPECTED IN CEMENT PLANT EXPLOSION.
PLANT SUPPLIES CEMENT FOR SOUTH CHINA

Canton, 5 June -- On 29 May, shortly after 0100 hours, a small explosion occurred at the Hsi-ts'un Cement Plant in the western part of Canton. The workers, who had been sleeping at the plant, all escaped without injury and no major machinery was damaged.

Special police stationed at the plant conducted an investigation which revealed that the explosion originated from some type of small high-explosive cap. Four of the workers are suspected of setting off the explosion.

The Hsi-ts'un Cement Plant opened soon after the liberation. Production is on the increase and the product is of high quality. The plant employs over 500 workers at present.

All construction projects in South China depend for their supply of cement on the Hsi-ts'un Plant. Recently, the plant installed additional machinery from North China and instituted a night shift to produce material for permanent defense construction for the navy in South China.

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